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Another meeting with the state?!

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The two meetings you referred to were both set up by the RA's office. I sent you a quick note on the State meeting with what I thought were the important points including their hybrid approach. The meeting yesterday with John Shively and John Iani was a high elevation discussion. Dennis basically told them the advanced 404(c) was a watershed approach to protecting resources, that he was in dialogue with the state and that we need to respond to the petitioners. Shively did not seem to have a lot of problems with the concept that the 404(c) would put side boards on the permit application process. He said that they would not be ready for permitting until 2012, probably late 2012. He also said they would not permit the entire resource which would be about 80 years of mining, but would apply for permits for about 25 years worth.

Dennis is going to be meeting with the state to learn more about their hybrid approach which seems to involve EPA, Corps and State meeting to work on information that could potentially be used for a 404(c) and for a permit process. I reacted quite strongly to that approach, saying that we have to treat the tribes gov to gov and consult with them on this decision. Dennis scheduled a meeting for Jan 4 as a follow up to discussion with the State. Invitees are Bussell, Kate Kelly, Dunbar, Marcia, Michelle and me. I will suggest that Allyn be invited as well.

Tomorrow is my last day until Jan 3. I can be reached at 206-331-2547. Thanks

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Hi Rick,

I just got a call from Cara asking if I knew the latest on Bristol Bay because she did not seem to be up to date. We were able to talk about upcoming talks with Nature Serve (really their subcontractor at UAA) and the informal discussion Marcia and I will be having

with the FWS and NPS Alaska Regional directors on Friday to bring them up to speed. But your message about the meeting with the state was the first I had heard about that. And Cara was aware of another meeting between Dennis and PLP coming up soon. I also wonder if the meeting between Sean Parnell and Lisa Jackson is scheduled. Weeks have gone by since the Administrator said she would get back to us in a few days. It occurs to me that I am out of the loop. If this is intentional as a need-to-know strategy, then fine. But I want to make sure that communications are happening that need to happen.

Thanks,
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